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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH DE LIPKOWSKI ON MIDDLE EAST

1. AT RECENT DINNER AT GERMAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, SECRETARY OF STATE OF FOREIGN OFFICE DE LIPKOWSKI SPOKE OF HIS CONCERN AND HOPE OVER MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. SPEAKING PERSONALLY FROM WHAT HE SAID WAS FOUR YEARS INTIMATELY CONCERNED WITH MIDDLE EAST POLICY, HE HOPED US WOULD KEEP EVEN HAND. SAID HE THOUGHT EVEN UP UNTIL FIGHTING STARTED ARABS HOPED US WOULD SOLVE THEIR DILEMMA. HE SPOKE OF SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SADAT, WHO APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO TOLD DE LIPKOWSKI THAT HE HAD THREE POSSIBLE CHOICES: (1) CONTINUE PRESENT IMPASSE. THIS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE IN LONG RUN. PEOPLE IMPASSE. THIS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE IN LONG RUN. PEOPLE AND ARMY WOULD BECOME UNMANAGEABLE AND WOULD TURN ON GOVERNMENT (2) MEET ISRAELI TERMS. EGYPTIAN LEADERS WHO DID WOULD BE KILLED. (3) FIGHT AGAIN, HOWEVER VAINLY, AND HOPE FOR THE BEST.

2. DE LIPKOWSKI SPOKE OF ARAB DISAPPOINTMENT WITH AND DISTASTE FOR USSR AND SAID THEY ALWAYS HAD KEPT TURNING THEIR HOPES, HOWEVER IN THEIR VIEW VAINLY, TO THE

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